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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 11 & 12, Cheapside;
LAWRENCE, Lombard Street, E.C.; GEORGE
STREETER & Co., 29, Cornhill, E.C.; GEORGE
& GOTCH, 24, Queen's Gate, E.C.; BATTS
HENDY & Co., 37, Watersonne, E.C.; SAMUEL
DICKINSON & Co., 158 & 159, Leadenhall Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

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CO., Square, Singapore; C. H. HENSEN,
Co., Manila.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & Co., THE
APOTHECARY-HOUSE, Colombo.

CHINA.—MOSCO, F. A. de CHUZ, SWA-
TER, QUELLES & Co., AMY, WILSON,
NICHOLAS & Co., Foochow; HEDGES &
Co., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD &
Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama;

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY
& Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
FECTORS.....\$7,500,000

NOTICE OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. MOYERS, Esq.
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J. B. IRVING, Esq. H. HOPFUS, Esq.
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Chief Manager—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
Manager—EVEN CAMERON, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED:
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credit granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 12, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors or
their duly balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book which must be pre-
sented with each payment or with-
drawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books but should send them to be
written up at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of
the Bank if marked On Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK
CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000
PAID UP.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE BANK RECEIVES Money on Deposit,
buys and sells Bills of Exchange,
Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for
Collection and transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally on terms to be
had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits—
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL
Bank Corporation, in liquidation, on the
Balance of such Claims purchased.

1.—For immediate Payment in Cash of
not less than 90% for the whole
Claim.

2.—At 100% Payment being made in
Fully paid Scrip of the Corporation's
\$1 per cent. Premium. Debenture
Stock, carrying interest from date of
Issue, and exchangeable for Stock.

3.—For payment of the Premium in Cash of
not less than 90% for any even
multiple of \$100.

Holdings of this Stock incur no liability
whatever.

H. A. HIBBERT,
Manager.
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, April 27, 1886. 653

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RE-ESTABLISHED
myself in BUSINESS at this Port, under
the Name of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.

GEORGE R. STEVENS,
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 604

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day OPENED a
BRANCH of our Firm at SWATOW,
LAUTS & HAESLOO.

Takow and Taiwanfu,
17th April, 1886. 813

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Partnership hereinbefore subsisting
between us, the undersigned THOMAS BYRNE,
KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and JAMES
LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON as MERCHANTS
and General Agents at Canton, Macao
and Foochow, under the Style of Firm
of BIRLEY & CO., EXPIRED on the 23rd
of February, 1886, by effusion of time.
All DEBTS due to and from the late Firm
will be Received and Paid by the said
KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and JAMES LYON
PLAYFAIR SANDERSON, by whom the BUSI-
NESS will be carried on under the Style
or Firm of BIRLEY & CO., at Canton,
Macao and Foochow, and in London.

BIRLEY & Co.

Canton, 10th day of May, 1886. 941

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day authorized Mr.
JAMES JARDINE BELL IRVING
to Sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, May 6, 1886. 917

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted KHOO TEONG PAN
(胡成潘) as a PARTNER in my
Firm of BUN HIN CHAN & Co. of Hong-
kong from the 1st December, 1885.

KHOO TEONG POH
(胡成坡)

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 923

Intimations.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE of the Undersigned has
This Day been REMOVED to Queen's
Road Central, opposite the Telegraph Co.'s
Offices, in rear of No. 8.

G. RAYNAL

Hongkong, May 8, 1886. 892

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual
General MEETING of the VICTORIA
RECREATION CLUB will be held in the
GYMNASIUM on THURSDAY
NEXT, the 20th Instant, at 6 p.m.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, May 13, 1886. 951

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers,
the Producers of the 'CHINA SUGAR
RAWING COMPANY, Limited' can hence-
forward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR
CASH, at No. 3, PEI SHAN, at the same
prices as at the RETAILERS or Retail
Outlets will be delivered at addresses in
town on application forwarding their Monthly
Requirements in writing direct to the
RETAILERS at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1886. 1282

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

CUSTOMERS are Requested to make
their CHEQUES and/or ORDERS,
Payable to the HONGKONG HOTEL Co., Ltd.

By Order, LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 30, 1886. 748

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
CAPITAL of this Company having
been INCREASED, in accordance with
Resolution passed for that purpose, it is
necessary to issue NEW SCRIP for the
existing Shares of the Company.

Shareholders are hereby requested
to send in the OLD SCRIP at once to
the Undersigned, at the Office of the
Company, situated at No. 14, Praya Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, in return for which,
in due course, New SCRIP will be Issued.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, May 8, 1886. 934

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day been appointed
Agents for the KORSCHET ICE
DEPOT and are Now READY to SUPPLY
ICE from our Depot, Pedder's Street (near
the HONGKONG HOTEL), in quantities from
one ton and upwards, at the Rate of ONE
CENT per lb., special arrangements
to large consumers.

The Blocks of Ice weighing up to 700 lbs.
are specially adapted for shipping
purposes.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 1, 1886. 659

NOTICE.

ON and after SUNDAY, 4th Instant,
the Price of ICE will be ONE CENT
PER POUND.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 673

NOTICE.

HOLDERS of this Stock incur no liability
whatever.

H. A. HIBBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, April 27, 1886. 653

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF

Oriental Carpets and Rugs,

comprising—

THORDES' CARPETS AND RUGS,
KOULAH CARPETS AND RUGS,
DECCHAN RUGS,
KURD RUGS,
LADIK RUGS,
SCINDI RUGS,
PERSIAN RUGS,
INDIAN RUGS,

Suitable for Polished Floors.

Also,

A small Parcel of SYRIAN CURTAINS at extraordinarily low prices.
NOVELTIES in PLUSH and TAPESTRY, TABLE COVERS, ANTI-
MACASSARS, &c.

AN INSPECTION IS INVITED.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, April 21, 1886. 885

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR

FIRST SHIPMENT

OF

SPRING GOODS,

which they will be prepared to SHOW on and

For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

YORK HAMS.
ROLL BUTTER.
Tepocan BUTTER.
French BUTTER.
Egg's COCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
Picnic TONGUES.
MACKEREL in 5lb Tins.
RAISINS and Currants.
Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVORY & MODE'S New Infant FOOD.
BARNES & Co.'s JAMS.
Potted MEATS.

PATE de FOIS GRAS.
Swiss MILK.

BORDEN'S
CONDENSED MILK.
COOKING STOVES.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

WINES, &c.

GILBERT'S Sparkling SAUMUR, Pts. & Qua.
SAUCONNE'S MANZANILLA.

SAUCONNE'S Old Invalid PORT.

Old Bourbon WHISKY.

BURKE'S Old Irish WHISKY.

Royal Glendes WHISKY.

MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

NOW READY.

THE REVENUE OF CHINA.
A SERIES OF ARTICLES
Reprinted from 'The China Mail.'
WITH AN APPENDIX.

THIS PAMPHLET is Now Ready,
and may be had at the
OFFICE of THIS PAPER.
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Messrs. KELLY & WATSON,
And Mr. W. BREWER.

Price, 50 Cents.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SIMPLY INFORMED that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-PONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly Assistant to Dr. ROGERS.)

AT the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THIS OFFICE formerly occu-
pied by Dr. ROGERS.
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.
Sole Address
2, DUDDELL STREET
(Next to the New Oriental Bank),
Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO-BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS
and SAILING VESSELS alongside their
Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship,
and/or Store GENERAL CARGO, SILK,
OIL, COFFEE, GRAIN or MERCHANTABLE in
First-Class Granite Godowns at Chop Rata.
Also COALS in specially constructed Sheds.
For the convenience of Commanders and
Officers the Company's launch Hongkong will
convey to and fro those interested from
CHINA, starting from the Pedder's Wharf
EVERY HOUR from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and
from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to
W. KIRKFOOT HUGHES,
Agent
Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 381

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
PROFESSOR SIEMENS has the honour to inform the community of Hongkong that he will give his

FIRST GREAT MAGIC AND SPIRITUALISTIC PERFORMANCE AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

THIS EVENING,
the 15th May, 1886.

ASISTED BY MADAME BRECZINSKA
Première Danseuse.

By kind permission of Major CHAYTOR and Officers, the Band of the 55th Regt. will play appropriate Selections during the evening.

PROGRAMME WILL APPEAR SHORTLY.

Doors Open at 8.30. Overture at 9 precisely.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle and Stalls, 82.
Back Seats, 31.

Box Plan now open at KELLY & WALSH'S (LIMITED),
Hongkong, May 15, 1886. 914

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for FOOCHOW, TIENSIN, NEW-CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Lescang,
Captain SANVER, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, May 15, 1886. 967

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Massilia,
Capt. G. PETERSEN, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 17th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 15, 1886. 968

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship GABRIEL will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 3rd June, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan, ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 60, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, May 15, 1886. 969

To-day's Advertisements.

BEKANNNTMACHUNG

IN das heisige Prokureursgärt ist laut Verfügung des unterzeichneten Gerichts von heutigen Tage eingetragen, dass FEIDRICH ALXANDER ALFRED BOEING BROCKELMANN die Ernennung ertheilt ist, die Firma PUATAU & Co. zu Canton als Prokurator zu zeichnen.

Canton, den 14ten Mai 1886.

Das Kaiserliche Kaisergericht,
(L.S.) FEIDEL.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, or Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contented by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ABBEY, American barque, Capt. B. C. Peniston.—Order.

ALICE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J. Phillips—Captain.

ALMA, German barque, Capt. R. Alberts.—Möller & Co.

ELLEN A. READ, British ship, Capt. N. B. Hatfield.—Order.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American barque, Capt. Samuel. B. Bell—Order.

HALLOWEEN, British ship, Captain R. F. Dout—n—Russell & Co.

HENRY S. SNORD, American ship, Capt. G. W. Ponsonby.—Admiralty, Bull & Co.

HORNIGAUNS, British steamer, Capt. C. Thompson.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

LOADA, British ship, Capt. A. J. Scott.—Butland & Swire.

MELUSINE, German barque, Capt. Mehlburgh.—Möller & Co.

STRATFLETON, British steamer, Capt. C. W. Pearson.—Admiralty, Bell & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, Br. barquentine, Capt. Huds n.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 14 1886.—

Fuksang, British steamer, 900, H. W. Hogg, Shanghai May 11, General.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & Co.

Amoy, British steamer, 814, R. Kohler, Shanghai May 11, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

May 15.—

City of Rio de Janeiro, American steamer, Win. B. Cobb, San Francisco April 24, via Honolulu 24, and Yokohama May 9, Mails and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

Amigo, German steamer, 771, F. Thiesen, Singapore May 8, Rio.—WEILER & Co.

Agro, French steamer, 250, Th. Lerde, Saigon May 11, and Hoihow 14, General.—A. R. Mart.

Lee Sang, British steamer, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

May 15.—

Footscay, for Whampoa.

Amoy, for Whampoa.

Albatross, British gunboat, for a cruise.

Wingspan, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Vorwicks, for Singapore and Bombay.

Fritze, for Saigon.

CLEARING.

Villa da Riviera, for Iloilo.

Westward, for Shanghai.

Tavolino, for Wuhan.

Thales, for Port Darwin and Sydney.

Thales, for Swatow.

King Ping, for Masso.

Auguste, for London.

Situation, for Swatow and Tientain.

Amoy, for Amoy and Manila.

Zafiro, for Amoy and Manila.

Galleys of Lorne, for Chinkiang.

Antaeus, for Amoy and Manila.

Zorops, for Takao.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Foozang, from Shanghai 6 Chinese.

Per Amoy, from Shanghai, Mr. J. Müller, and 20 Chinese.

Per City of Rio de Janeiro, from San Francisco, & Mr. W. Woodley, Mrs. J. R. Marinbank, G. B. Holland, and 162 Chinese.

Per Amoy, from Singapore, 417 Chinese.

Per Salter, from Haiphong, Mr. and Mrs. Jack, and 17 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Oceanie, for Yokohama, Messrs. S. Houghson, E. Boat, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Liasee, Mr. Wong Wo Chee, Mr. Cook and son, Messrs. F. Nishimura, F. Hazland, H. Grandy and servant, Mrs. Dizzenett, Messrs. Essabroy, B. Strachan, and O. Gould; for

Hongkong, May 15, 1886. 969

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MAY 15, 1886.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares Value, Paid up. POSITION FOR LAST REPORT, Returns, &c. Balance forward.

BANKS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 3,100,000.00 For equalization \$ 63,800.33 to Dec. 31, 1885

INSURANCES. North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. 5,000 £ 200 £ 60 ... Th. 812,630.35 for 1884

Yangtze Insurance Company, Ltd. 8,000 £ 21 £ 25 £ 50,000 Th. 3,059.70 for 1884

'SINK OR SWIM.'
Punch's cartoon in the number received last night is a striking one. It represents Mr Gladstone standing on a pier facing a tempestuous sea, in which he is about to plunge and make for the storm-tossed hull of the ship *Hibernia*, seen in the darkness beyond. Dressed in a man's garb, his legs are bared to the knees and his arms to the elbows; his head is uncovered, and his white hair is streaming in the wind. A line fastened round his waist is grasped firmly in his right hand, while his left is firmly clenched in front. His whole attitude is instinct with a strength and determination which is well brought out in the accompanying verses, which we quote:—

SINK OR SWIM!
A desperate venture! Old and stalwart diver
Who plunges into perils, while his pool, untried,
To stretch the limits of his power, is more terrible than this.
What fear for the silent waters upre,
The fury of the floods now more to bear,
To beat with time-worn arms the insurgent waves
To burst the wrath of the three refuent wave
That can not control her nor pull him!

Mad I mad! The words of many voices move him
Not from his set purpose. The cold-bone'd
Of ancient comradeship in vain reproves him;
The friendly warning and the gentle rebuke
Fall on deaf ears, and the bolted ear
By pleading unheeded, unheeded by fears.

How will he fare? The light crowds dismally, dimly,
The mad floods madden the adventurous swimmer,
The mad, the mad, the mad, the mad, the mad, the mad,
What will he do? and buy at last not evil?
How may he win the wreck? What if he fail?

Companions shrink back, long won in faith to follow;—
They falter now, receive a scathing crew.
Strong the fear, hope's taper so wild and hollow.
The mad, the mad, the mad, the mad, the mad, the mad,
Mad or hero? How will record run?

Now strong men hold the water, anticipating
The imminent plunge; and, whether foar or friend,
The mad, the mad, the mad, the mad, the mad, the mad,
What's fair their hope?—few stand the end,
May prove a sympathetic fit for la.
Who puts all to the touch, to sink or swim.

MR GLADSTONE'S HOME RULE SCHEME.

The London *Daily News* gives an accurate though brief summary of Mr Gladstone's speech propounding his Irish scheme and a lively description of the appearance of the House during its delivery:—

Mr Gladstone's disclosure of what was in the palm of the old Parliament's hand, when most at least, was made with a promptitude which Ministers are not often permitted to show in the House of Commons. But this was an occasion on which the House had no patience with preliminaries. The Prime Minister arrived at half-past four. A House filled as this House never was filled before greeted his business-like advance with a hearty welcome. Not only were the customary cheers accorded him, but from the benches along the gangways on both sides of the House, Radicals and Protectionists rose to their feet to give their lungs more play and to wave their hats in the full tide of their enthusiasm. Only a minute or two more had passed before the object of this splendid demonstration was at the table opening out his scheme for the future government of Ireland. The House had been in the course of formation almost from the dawn of day, and now it was packed in every corner. A novel expedient, too, had been adopted to meet the unusual demand for places. By means of chairs, new cross benches were improvised and made to extend up the floor of the House as far as the gangway, leaving the narrowest possible space for the entrance and exit of members. This contrivance marred the ceremony of the introduction of three new members, whose spouses were unable to advance with them in the stately manner prescribed by custom. On the other hand, it gave a kindly and effective prominence to Sir R. Fowler when he presented to the House from the furthest row of chairs the imposing sheet containing the protest of merchants, bankers, and other electors of the City of London against my proposal for a Legislature in Dublin. Petitions to a similar effect, by the way, were presented from Ireland by Major Saunderson, amid the ironical cheer of a band of Parnellites, who had made a raid on the bench where he sat, without, however, succeeding in ousting the Ulster member. The gangways were fully occupied, and it might have been noted that Viscount Cranborne on the lowest step on the one side of the House had for his vis-a-vis on the other Mr Joseph Arch. As for the steps of the Chair they were crowded up to the Speaker's shining shockuckles. Among the incidents of the assembling was the appearance of Mr Bright, which was recognised with an unmistakable cordiality. Cheers also greeted Mr John Morley on his arrival, and Mr Goschen had a reception in which cheers from the Opposition and ironical laughter from the Parnellites were mingled. The Marquis of Hartington, Sir H. James, Mr Chamberlain, and Sir C. Dilke sat side by side behind Ministers. In the crowded galleries the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert Victor, Prince Christian, the Duke of Cambridge, the Marquis of Ripon, Earl Spencer, Lord Ashbourne, the French Ambassador, and Ardencon Farrar had prominent places; while in the seats underneath the gallery were to be seen sitting side by side such diverse personages as Cardinal Manning and Mr Schneadhorst.

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The administration of the loving games are not confined to the *Christian Million*. The *Telegraph* has been opened to remonstrances. Can it be credited that Methodists take a hand in this game? So says Mr Gibson, a Sunday-school teacher at the Methodist Church the Oval (name with manlier association). 'Hackney Road'! Mr Gibson thinks the pastime 'most indecent.' 'Band of Hope' has not forsworn alcohol to take up with a diversion which certainly, to worldlings, appears at least as morally dubious as 'promiscuous dancing.' If the young disciples and teachers would only learn to dance, it would be, we venture to think, a salutary change, and might introduce a great improvement in manners as well as morals. 'For nearly two hours continuous kissing prevailed,' says 'Band of Hope,' referring to a pious orgie, as we fear it must be called. 'The authorities' (whatever they may be) can't be daemons' (laugh it off). An old Sunday School Teacher says that the evil 'the thinks it an evil' is 'very widespread.'

Kissing games are described, in serious circles, as 'a little social enjoyment.' It is plain that many interesting novelties may be rescued from the World (though perhaps not from the other members of the well-known Firm) by 'social enjoyments' of this kind. A new minister tried to stop the sport, but the teachers and school-girls never forgave him, and soon drove him out. If you were to insert the names of all the Sunday schools in which those kissing games have been witnessed, the *Daily Telegraph* would be in a huge catalogue of them. But the Secretary of the Sunday School League says that the game is 'not sanctioned,' and the Sunday School Chronicle thinks the *Christian Million's* remarks 'disgraceful and libellous.' We leave these Christian brethren to fight it out among themselves; there must be a good deal of hard swearing somewhere among these sportive Nonconformists.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERING AND GRATITUDE.

A VOICE FROM AUSTRIA.

Near the village of Zillingdorf, in Lower Austria, lives Maria Hess, an intelligent and industrious woman, whose story of physical suffering and final relief, as related by herself, is of interest to English women. 'I was employed,' she says, 'in the work of a large farmhouse. Overwork brought on sick headache, followed by a deadly fainting and sickness of the stomach, until I was unable to retain either food or drink. I was compelled to take to my bed for several weeks. Getting a little better from rest and quiet, I sought to do some work, but was soon taken with a pain in my side, which a little while seemed to spread over my whole body, and throbbed in every limb. This was followed by a cough and shortness of breath, until finally I could not see, and I took to my bed for the second, and, as I thought, for the last time. My friends told me that my time had nearly come, and that I could not live longer than when the trees put on their green once more. Then I happened to get out of Seigle's Syrup, which I took exactly according to directions, and had not taken the whole of it before I felt a great change for the better. My last illness began June 3rd, 1882, and continued to Aug. 1st, when I began to take the Syrup. Very soon I could do a little light work. The cough left me, and I was no more troubled in breathing. Now I am perfectly cured. And oh, how happy I am! I cannot express gratitude enough for Seigle's Syrup. Now I must tell you that the doctors in our district distributed that there was no half-way house between entire suzerainty and Imperial control. He had differed from his colleagues in opinion on the subject of law and order. He had further differed on the subject of the land, and he made effective quotations from exasperated sayings and writings of Irish members in support of his opinion that securities from them were not to be relied on. The alternative scheme which he could support would preserve in the hands of the Imperial Government the duty of maintaining law and order while granting to Ireland extended powers of self-government. Mr Parnell replied to Mr Trevelyan with a warning to the House of the danger of discussing the question in his temper. In Mr Gladstone's scheme he saw blots and signs of attempt to drive a hard bargain, but Mr Gladstone would be recognised in Ireland as a benefactor, and if Ireland's views were fairly met in Committee the scheme would settle the Irish question. Mr Plunkett followed, and Mr Chamberlain moved the adjournment of the debate.

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